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SUBJECT: PM RAZAK STATEMENT ON MALACCA STRAIT

REF: A. SINGAPORE 4440; B. KUALA LUMPUR 4852

1. PM RAZAK STATEMENT ON: MALACCA STRAIT PASSAGE AND EMBASSY SINGAPORE'S COMMENT (PARA 4 REF A) ACCORD WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOM POSITION ON INNOCENT PASSAGE OF CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS. UNLIKE GOI WHICH APPEARS INSIST ON NOTIFICATION OF MALACCA STRAIT PASSAGE ALTHOUGH GOM/GOI CLAIMS NOT RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY, GOM HAS TAKEN LINE THAT INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF STRAIT STATUS SHOULD PRECEDE PRESSING OF REQUIREMENT FOR NOTIFICATION IN CASES OF INNOCENT PASSAGE. MOREOVER, GOM DEFINITION OF INNOCENT PASSAGE AT THIS POINT APPEARS LIMITED TO NO HOSTILE INTENT TOWARD RIPARIAN STATES WITHOUT OTHER CONDITIONS, E.G., LIMITING PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR HAVING MILITARY SECURITY MISSION ELSEWHERE. THUS, GOM TACITLY ACCEPTED USS HANCOCK PASSAGE OF STRAIT AS INNOCENT PASSAGE AND ISSUE WAS NOT MADE OVER NOTIFICATION (REF B).

2. WE INTERPRET PM RAZAK'S MILD STATEMENT IN SINGAPORE ON STRAIT PASSAGE AS CONTINUING GOM DESIRE AVOID CLASH
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WITH BIG POWERS OVER THIS ISSUE IN PRE-LOS CONFERENCE PERIOD.

DUE TO GOM SENSITIVITIES AND FACT WE HAVE HAD NO SPECIFIC
LOS MATTERS TO TAKE UP WITH GOM OFFICIALLY, WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT
DEFINITIVE EXPRESSION OF GOM VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE.
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